

### Youths' Motor Bikes Illegal

For youngsters under 16 years of age, Oregon State law virtually eliminates riding of motor bikes or scooters for pleasure.

Following arrest of a juvenile for lack of proper license plates on a motor scooter, Police Chief L. L. Pittenger Wednesday warned

that all motor driven bikes must carry license plates. In addition, the drivers themselves must have drivers' licenses.

Under state law, all motor driven vehicles of three wheels or less are classified as motorcycles, and therefore require vehicle licenses.

Pittenger pointed out that no persons under 16 years of age may obtain driver's licenses. They will be issued only if the person is riding his motor scooter or bike to and from school over a specified route at certain times.

Even then, the license must be signed by the police chief, the county judge, the school superintendent and several other authorities.

Richard Strauss was taught by his father to read notes before letters, and to play piano at the age of four.

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### Work to Start On Box Canyon

Effective Tuesday, Sept. 3, the Box Canyon Road south of the McKenzie Highway, will be closed to the public for major improvements expected to take about 220 working days.

Contracts were let some time ago for improvement of the section between Walker Creek and Elbow Grade, and to protect the public from the danger of heavy blasting and clearing, the road will be closed.

The road will be open from the Oakridge end to the beginning of the improved area, and below the construction area to the McKenzie Highway.

During fire season the road will be kept partially open to accommodate fire fighters and emergency vehicles if the necessity arises. At the end of the fire season, however, the section will be closed to all traffic.

### Engineers to Prepare Vet Hospital Plans

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Army engineers have been directed to prepare plans for Veterans Administration hospitals at Toledo, O., Dallas, Tex., and Klamath Falls.

The War Department said Wednesday the engineers will select architect-engineers and supervise construction of the hospitals.

The Klamath Falls hospital will be a 200-bed general medical and surgical project just inside the city limits.

Robert Benchley, the humorist, once translated French catalogues for the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

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### Lamour Kiss Hottest, Says Mechanical Man

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — "Sleepy Joe," General Electric's mechanical man, Wednesday declared Dorothy Lamour's kiss the hottest of four glamour queens he tested.

As a sideline to his workaday occupation of testing equipment for electric blankets, "Sleepy Joe" let four lovely ladies—Miss Lamour, Paulette Goddard, Alga San Juan and Diana Lynn—kiss his copper puss at Paramount studios.

"Joe's" dials responded vigorously for the first three stars. But when Miss Lamour took him in her arms, the indicator stuck on "sizzling" and smoke poured from his ears. That's when "Joe's" fuse gave out.

### WAA in Portland Puts Building Items on Sale

In an effort to help the present construction program, the Portland War Assets office placed a limited amount of miscellaneous building materials on sale recently.

Near Troutdale, Oregon, WAA has approximately 110,000 square feet of bronze mesh cloth; at Camp Adair, six doors, screen doors, fir sashes, composition shingles, asphalt roofing cement and felt saturated roofing paper.

Other materials include cast iron sash weights at the Kaiser Co. in Vancouver; oak partitions at the Naval Barracks, Swan Island; creosoted lumber at the Tillamook Naval Air Station; marine flintkote at Oregon Shipbuilding Corp., and a small amount of elastic cement, sealing compound, one and two inch fibre conduit, and one inch and one and a half inch standards at the Reynolds Aluminum Plant, Troutdale.

The offering is to priority buyers and others, concurrently. Orders will not be confirmed prior to September 16 to allow time for inspection.

### Dow-Jones

Dow Jones closing bond averages:  
 40 bonds, 106.65, off 0.15.  
 10 higher grade rails, 114.44, off 0.02.  
 10 second grade rails, 98.92, off 0.47.  
 10 public utilities, 108.30, off \$0.06.  
 10 industrials, 104.92, off 0.08.

### Halsey Avers Seas 'Free'

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 vided fresh evidence of mounting tension.

**Diplomatic Rumbles**  
 Even as the powerful American fleet rode in "Mediterranean waters to underscore this country's acknowledged claim to first-hand interest in that part of the world there were these disquieting sign posts:

1. The Polish Embassy hurled a charge of "infringement into Poland's sovereign rights and interference with her internal affairs" as the result of an American note dealing with the forthcoming Polish elections.

2. The State Department promptly acknowledged the "interference." But it said the Polish objections were not valid because the Big Three declarations of Yalta and Potsdam pledged this country, along with Great Britain and Russia, to guarantee free and unfettered elections in that war-torn country.

3. The manner of the entire exchange was highly unusual. Instead of a formal reply to the American note, the embassy issued its blast in the form of a press release. Similarly, the State Department's retort was provided by an anonymous "spokesman" who told a reporter he could not comment in detail "because I was not given the courtesy of seeing a copy."

4. Secretary of War Patterson told a group of top War Department officials to formulate their defense plans "on the basis that there is and will be no adequate control" among nations of atomic energy.

5. Civilian Production Chief John D. Small told newsmen that despite the concentration on reconversion "we have never lost or dropped our system of industrial mobilization." Small added that it could be swung back into operation within 24 hours in the event of an emergency.

**LESSER EVIL**  
 CHICAGO — (AP) — Rex Allen, a radio singer, didn't want a lot of tin cans clattering when he and his bride, Bonnie Linder, a radio actress, took off on their honeymoon.

So he hid his car behind the broadcasting station.

After the ceremony in the studio, the newlyweds stole down to the car to find a window smashed and their luggage stolen.

Wedding guests supplied them with clothing for their trip to the Wisconsin Dells.

Allen decided he had been too fussy about tin cans. His wife agreed.

### BOX PLANT DAMAGED

WILLOW RANCH, Calif. — (AP) — Damage totaling \$15,000 was caused by fire to the Willow Ranch Co. box plant Tuesday, but President Fred Dougherty reported little equipment was lost. Firemen saved the nearby lumber piles.

### Peonage Charges Laid Against Negro-Employing Southerner

ATLANTA — (AP) — Roswell P. Biggers, stocky 65-year-old farmer who once before was accused of peonage, has been arrested by the FBI on the same charges.

It was alleged that he secured the release of five Negro laborers from the Conyers, Ga., jail and held them as peons on his 1000-acre farm 20 miles east of here.

Biggers was released under \$4000 bond late Tuesday, after he waived a hearing before U.S. Commissioner David J. Meyerhardt.

Henry King, acting agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI office, said Biggers will face a federal grand jury in U.S. District Court here in October.

The arrest was made by FBI Agent R. D. Bristow. Biggers did not resist.

Biggers, short and bald and deeply tanned, sat nervously as a bondsman arranged his release. He refused to talk to reporters.

"I have nothing at all to say," he informed them.

The complaint, filed with Meyerhardt on evidence uncovered by the FBI, charged Biggers specifically with trumping up a charge against Booker T. Johnson, one of the Negroes, and later securing Johnson's release "to return him to a condition of peonage" about May 30.

King confirmed the names of four other Negroes, which the Justice Department in Washington said also were involved in the case. They were Bobby Rakestraw, Felmon Jackson, Lester Banks and J. C. Banks.

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### Steamroller Runs Over Man; Breaks Ribs

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — (AP) — The front wheel of a steamroller ran over John H. O'Rear's chest Monday while he was working with a road construction company here—but he suffered only four broken ribs.

Dr. G. H. Kistler, who is treating him, said O'Rear's chest apparently was pressed "as flat as a pancake" by the steamroller but that two hours later his patient was sitting up in a hospital bed and smoking a cigarette.

### Vanport Eases Vet Problem

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 housing secretary, tells us that in quite a number of cases these couples have given up hoping to find proper accommodations. The husbands are trying to find single rooms and their wives are going back home.

"It is a truly unfortunate situation for couples which have been separated a long time by the war anyway to have to continue without any place at all to call their home."

Cox suggested that Eugeneans who are considering opening their homes to veterans should telephone Mrs. Macduff, 3300, for information which will help them decide. Or, he said, Mrs. Macduff will send out prospective renters for interviews.

"This is a real emergency," he declared. "But I believe Eugene can meet it."

### Paint, Radios Damaged In Warehouse Blaze

City firemen Wednesday blamed spontaneous combustion for a fire which partially destroyed a warehouse containing paint, radios and other merchandise to be used by the Monroe Paint Co. when it opens its new furniture store in the Heilig Building.

The merchandise which was stored in a warehouse at 1594 Charnelton St., caught fire about 10 p. m. Tuesday. Frank Monroe, owner, said the warehouse walls were badly burned and charred, but that no estimate of damage has been made.

City firemen also extinguished a fire in a sawdust conveyor belonging to Central Heating Co. at First and Jackson Sts. Company officials said the conveyor has not been used in recent years, and that damage apparently was very light. No causes for the fire, which occurred at 1:55 a. m., were given by city firemen.

### WORKER KILLED

MADRAS — (AP) — William Nelson, division maintenance crew worker on the Oregon Trunk Railroad, was crushed to death Tuesday at Metolius when a pile of tiles shifted and rolled.

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